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SUBJ: COMMITTEE II - CONSULTING GROUP OF NEGOTIATING GROUP II
(CONTINENTAL SHELF) AND PLENARY OF NEGOTIATING
GROUP II - SEPTEMBER 3

1. BOTH SMALL CONSULTING GROUP AND INFORMAL NEGOTIATING
GROUP ON THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN MET SEPT. 3 TO REVIEW
STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS. ACTING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NJENGA
(KENYA) OFFERED HIS PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF EMERGING
CONSENSUS ON THE ISSUES IN BOTH GROUPS. NJENGA MADE
FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. DELIMITATION OF THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN -

BASIS OF DISCUSSION HAS BEEN IRISH PROPOSAL BUT NO
CLEAR CONSENSUS HAS EMERGED.

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B. REVENUE SHARING -

1. CONSENSUS IS THAT A SYSTEM FOR REVENUE SHARING SHOULD EXIST:

2. SUCH A REVENUE SHARING SYSTEM SHOULD BE BASED ON GROSS REVENUE FIGURES RATHER THAN NET PROFITS; AND

3. 5 PERCENT AS A FIGURE FOR REVENUES SHARED (WITH A 5 YEAR) REVENUE HOLIDAY) APPEARS TO BE THE MINIMUM FIGURE ACCEPTABLE TO MOST DELEGATIONS.

C. PAYMENT OF REVENUES -

1. CONSENSUS IS THAT CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN DETERMINING PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS OF BROAD MARGIN DEVELOPING STATES;

2. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NATIONS WHICH OBJECT, THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS TO ISRA FOR DISBURSEMENT IS PROMINENT IN THE DISCUSSION; AND

3. REVENUES SHOULD BE USED PRIMARILY FOR THE BENEFIT OF DEVELOPING LL/GDS.

2. ARAB GROU (KUWAIT) MADE POINT IN BOTH SMALL AND LARGE GROUPS THAT ARAB GROUP CONTINUES TO OBJECT TO ANY EXTENSION OF CONTINENTAL MARGIN JURISDICTION BEYOND 200 MILES.

3. IRISH DELEGATION INDICATED IN SMALL GROUP THAT THEY WOULD SEEK FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF REVENUE SHARING FROM GOI IN LIGHT OF EMERGING CONSENSUS FOR SUCH A SYSTEM.

4. CANADA INDICATED, CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS POSITION, THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO ACCEPT ISRA AS RECIPIENT FOR REVENUE SHARING FUNDS IF SEVERAL OTHER CRITERIA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARE MET, E.G. ISRA SHOULD HAVE NO POWER TO INTERFERE WITH MANAGEMENT OF CONTINENTAL SHELF.

5. US REITERATED STRONG OBJECTION IN SMALL GROUP TO DOUBLE STANDARD OF REVENUE SHARING PAYMENTS FROM BROAD MARGIN STATES; AND INDICATED THAT REVENUES SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. NJENGA STATED HIS DESIRE FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS
ON CONTINENTAL SHELF (PARTICULARLIY SHELF DELIMITATION)
DURING COMING WEEK IN EVENING SESSIONS. THIS, HOWEVER, WILL
BE SUBJECT TO THE WISHES OF CHAIRMAN AGUILAR,
WHO IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN ON TUES., SEPT. 7. END
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